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How to change track rod end on **MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209)** – replacement guide

SIMILAR VIDEO TUTORIAL

This video shows the replacement procedure of a similar car part on another vehicle

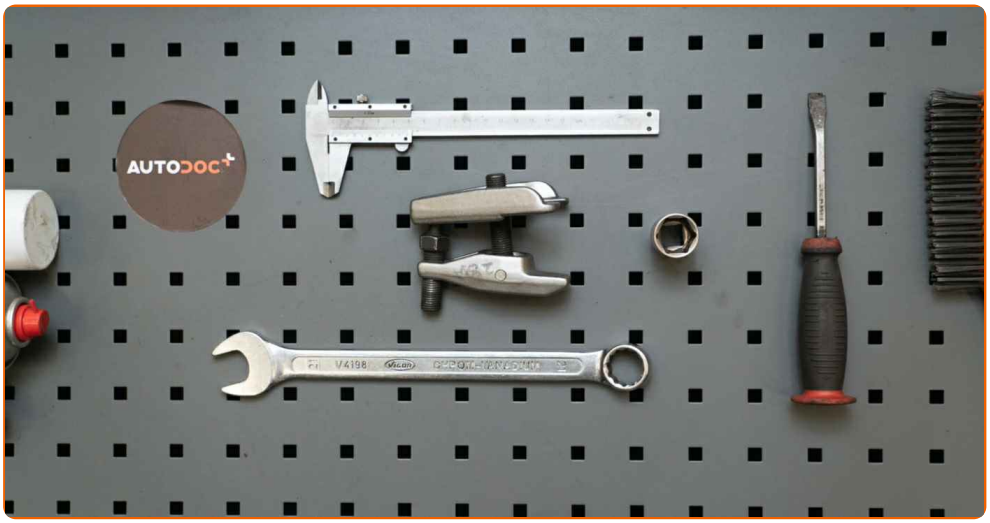
Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for: MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 320 3.2 (209.365), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 500 5.0 (209.375), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 240 2.6 (209.361), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 200 1.8 Kompressor (209.342), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 200 CGI 1.8 (209.343), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 270 CDI 2.7 (209.316), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 55 AMG 5.4 (209.376), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) DTM AMG, MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 350 3.5 (209.356), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 280 3.0 (209.354), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 220 CDI 2.2 (209.308), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 320 CDI 3.0 (209.320), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 63 AMG 6.2 (209.377), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 500 5.5 (209.372), MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209) 200 1.8 Kompressor (209.341)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

This tutorial was created based on the replacement procedure for a similar car part on: MERCEDES-BENZ C-Class Saloon (W203) C 240 (203.061)

REPLACEMENT: TRACK ROD END – MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209). TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Drive socket # 21
- Combination spanner #21
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Tap wrench
- Vernier caliper
- Ball joint puller
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

Replacement: track rod end – MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209). AUTODOC recommends:

- Replace tie rod ends in pairs.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the right and left tie rod ends.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

REPLACEMENT: TRACK ROD END – MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1 Secure the wheels with chocks.

2 Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

3 Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

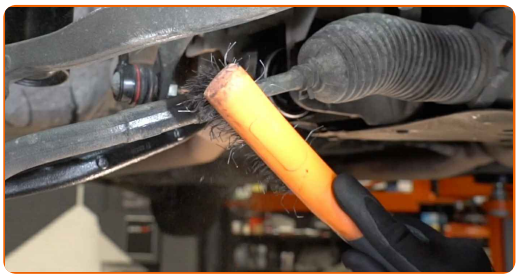
4 Unscrew the wheel bolts.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209)

5 Remove the wheel.

6 Clean all tie rod end connections. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



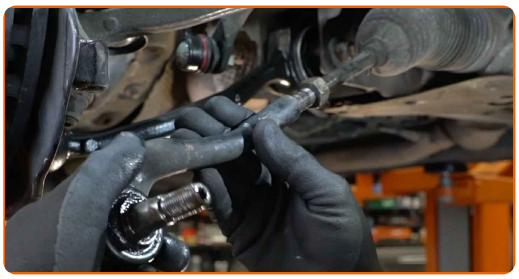
7 When deinstalling, mark or measure the precise position of the ball joint on the track rod, or count the number of turns in order to prevent misalignment afterward. Use a vernier caliper.

8 Loosen the lock nut securing the tie rod end to the tie rod. Use a combination spanner #21 (2 pieces).

9 Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #21. Use a tap wrench.

10 Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller. Use a crowbar.

11 Screw the end out of the tie rod.



12 Clean the mounting seats of the tie rod end. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

13 Screw on a new tie rod end.

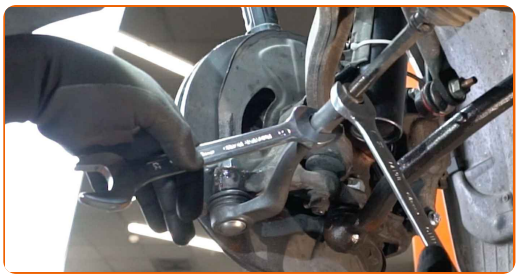
Replacement: track rod end – MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209). Professionals recommend:

- While installing the steering rod end remember to make the same number of turns or to leave the same length of thread showing as per your measurements.

14 Connect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle.

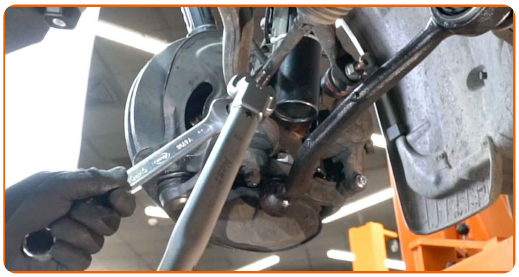
15 Screw on the fastening nut that connects the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #21. Use a ratchet wrench.

16 Screw on the tie rod end jam nut. Use a combination spanner #21 (2 pieces).

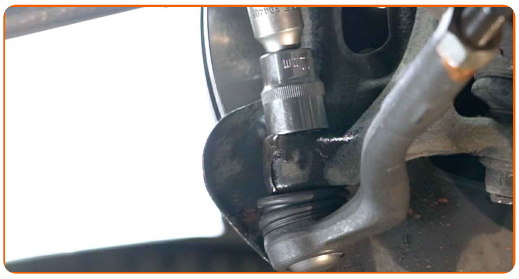


17 When deinstalling, mark or measure the precise position of the ball joint on the track rod, or count the number of turns in order to prevent misalignment afterward. Use a vernier caliper.

18 Tighten the tie rod end locknut. Use a combination spanner #21 (2 pieces). Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 nm torque.



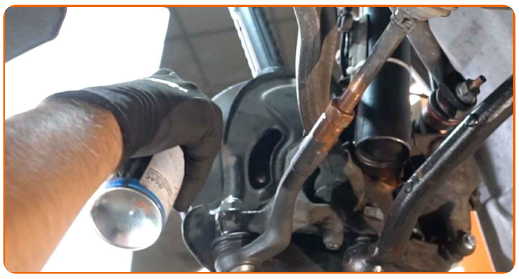
19 Tighten the fastening nut connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.+60°



AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

20 Treat the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use copper grease.



21 Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.

22 Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: track rod end – MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

23 Install the wheel.

AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

24 Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

25 Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 nm torque.

Replacement: track rod end – MERCEDES-BENZ CLK (C209). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Check and adjust wheel alignment if necessary.

26 Remove the jacks and chocks.

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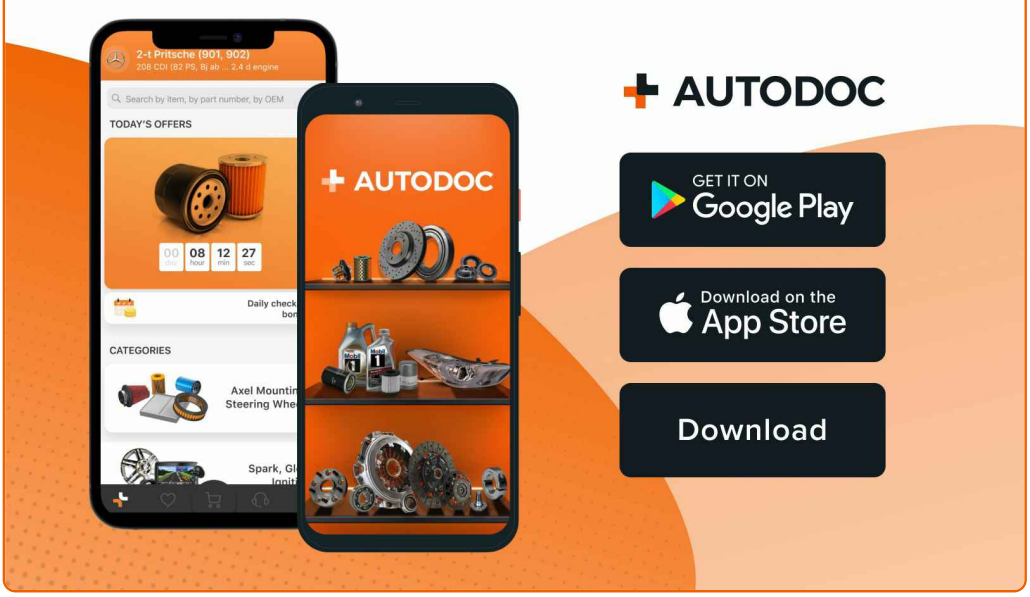

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